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Lessons & Carols
1st Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, December 29, 2024
Worship 9:00 am

Throughout the service, where you find an asterisk (*) you are invited to stand as you are able.

Christmas Lessons and Carols with Martin Luther

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG * *Once in Royal David's City* RED #269

OPENING DIALOGUE

Come! Look upon the baby Jesus, cradled in the arms of his mother.

Seeing this wondrous sight, may our hearts be comforted and our spirits filled with peace.

Come! Listen to choirs of angels announcing good news to all people.

Hearing this marvelous song, may we too sing: Glory to God in the highest!

Come! Receive this ancient story in your heart, not as history but as a gift.

Opening our hearts to this great mystery, may Christ be born in us today.

APOSTOLIC GREETING *

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

See Celebrate

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Luke 2:1-7

(Response: Thanks be to God)

Luther's reflections on the birth of Jesus

CAROL *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

RED #276

SECOND READING

Luke 2:8-16

(Response: Thanks be to God)

Luther's reflections on the shepherds and angels

CAROL *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

RED #282

THIRD READING

Matthew 2:1-12

(Response: Thanks be to God)

Luther's reflections on Herod and the wise men

CAROL *As with Gladness Men of Old*

RED #302

FOURTH READING

(Response: Thanks be to God)

Luther's reflections on the Word made flesh

CAROL *Let Our Gladness Have No End*

RED #291

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

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OFFERING

OFFERING SONG * *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

RED #490

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Please join in singing during Communion.

Hymns: RED #279, RED #296

Post Communion Prayer

COMMUNION SONG * *Love Has Come*

RED #292

BLESSING*

May the Word that Mary brought to birth
carry you into new and abundant life.

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms
enfold you with love and strength.

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song
bring harmony to our world.

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you
always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG* *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

RED #290

DISMISSAL *

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the
name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to him.

**Glory to God in the highest! And peace to God's
people on earth!**

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Help us keep an updated prayer list. *If you have placed an individual on our prayer list, please remember to notify the office when that individual can be removed. Thank you.*

Mary Shuler, Linda Freed, Marianne McCann, Shirley Lafferty (Jim Lubrecht's niece), Mike Densmore (Jeanette Logan's cousin), Chuck Walker (friend of Otis & Nadine Martin), Brad Neil, Dan Fleming, Linda Freed, Dennis Hocker, Marian Wilson (Otis's sister), Mick Mortiz (Sandy's father), Jeannette Spencer (Anneke Fleming's friend), Marietje Koning (Anneke Fleming's twin sister), Patsy Bauman, Randy Brittelli (Linda Schreier's son), Adam Mazur (Linda Schreier's godson), Jennifer Dupilka (Linda Schreier's granddaughter's mother), Abby Keith, Betty Nickle, Carol Gerig, Robin & Richard Walker (friends of Margo Whittaker), Betty Hammell, Jason Ziegler (friend of T.J. Johnson), Katherine Keister (friend of Nancy Pinko), Tina Stark (friend of Linda Schreier), Jacqueline Neil (Brad's mother), Nancy Staab (Joan Bateman's sister), Patti Spirk (Logan family friend), Joyce Hrestack (Joel Hain's ex-wife), Grace MacMurtrie (Hope Bowling's mother), Marion Tosheff, Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Robert McCann, Jason Nunez, Reed Pollock, Jack Pollock, Maxwell Reilly, Myles Reilly, George Schreffler, III, & Chris Stevenson.

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Linda Freed, Shirley Kaltreider, Dottie Koppenhaver, Miriam Reinard, Pastor John Schaertel, Ed Seneca, Tom Snyder.

VISION STATEMENT

Through the power of the cross, we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are called to nourish those who hunger in mind, body, and spirit.

Assisting Help Is Still Much Needed!

We need **additional help!** with ushering duties & communion assistants.

If we have a few more “teams” then our current assistants would not have to be assigned as often, sometime more than once a month. If you would like to help us with either of these duties, on a rotating basis, please call the church office (717-545-9992) or email Barb at (ossec@comcast.net). Thank you.

Donations Please!

The Welcome Committee is asking for donations for our 1st Sunday Socials. If you would like to donate baked goods, please sign up on the sheet that is on the Welcome Committee bulletin board directly beside the main entrance door in the Narthex. Thank you!

Manna Food Pantry

Our “2nd Sunday” food collection is still ongoing. During this time of continuously rising food prices, food pantries are seeing a greater demand for their services. If you would like to donate you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. There is a list of suggested items now on the table. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelopes “Manna Food Pantry”, and place it with your regular giving envelope.

- **Welcome pads are on the pews** at the center aisle; please sign and pass to your neighbor. Please include any changes.
- Please put your cell phones on quiet mode.

The bulletins today are sponsored in memory of her sister, Janet Ruocco by Linda Schreier.

TODAY

9:00 am	Reader	Deb Flage
	Ushers	Kathy & Bill Sheetz
	Communion Assistants	Jeanette & Herb Logan
	Counters	Neil/Youngblood family

NEXT SUNDAY, January 5, 2025

9:00 am	Reader	Marilyn Chubb
	Ushers	Penny & John Zimmerman
	Communion Assistants	Kathy & Bill Sheetz
	Counters	Jim Lubrecht, Penny & John Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	9:00 am	Worship of Lessons & Carols
Wednesday, January 1		office closed
New Year’s Day		
Sunday, January 5	9:00 am	Worship

**Pastor Frank’s regular office hours are
Wednesdays & Fridays, 9am to 12 noon.**

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR TODAY

Thank You!!

We would like say thank you to all of you who participated in our “Reverse Advent” food drive. Food banks always appreciate your generosity & the generosity that Our Saviour’s members showed with this project was amazing. Thank you all!!

Baby News to Share

Congratulations to Jessica & Jesse Burigana on the birth of their 2nd daughter, Rowan Marie, who was born on December 12th. Little Rowan weighed 6lbs. 9oz. and measured 19” long. Congratulations also to the proud big sister, Mia and to the grandparents, Herb & Jeanette Logan.

In Your Church Mailbox Today

Your 2025 contribution envelopes are now in your mailbox. Please do not use your new envelopes until **Next Sunday!!!**, the 1st Sunday in January and please remember to **discard any unused 2024 envelopes**. This is important so that your contributions are recorded correctly. **Please note that the envelope number will change for some families and other families will retain their current number for 2025.**

2024 End of Year Giving

Please have your end of year offering in **TODAY!!**, **December 29th**, for it to be credited to your 2024 giving. Thank you!

Congregation Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, January 19th. A quorum of 30 voting members is needed to conduct this meeting, so please make every effort to attend.

Attention All Committee Chairs

In advance of our congregational meeting on January 19th, please start preparing your annual reports for 2024. All reports are due in the office no later than **Friday, January 10th**. Submission via e-mail is preferred. Thank you.

Pastor Joel’s Installation @Holy Trinity, Lancaster

If you would like to attend, Pastor Joel will be installed at his new call next Sunday, January 5th @3pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S.

Duke St., Lancaster. There is a reception to follow, and the church is asking if anyone is staying for the reception, to please RSVP to their church office at 717-397-2734.

Family Promise

Our Saviour, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will be hosting Family Promise Sunday evening, January 12 through Sunday morning, January 19, 2025.

Won't you **please** consider providing a meal, driving the van, or sleeping overnight at the Church?

If have any questions, please call me at (717)497-1200.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex.

Thank you! Nadine Martin

Sponsorship of Sundry Bulletins

The sign-up sheets to sponsor our Sunday bulletins for the months of **January - June in 2025** are now on the bulletin board. Future months will be placed there shortly. The cost to sponsor remains \$12.30

Jesus Said, “Let the Little Children Come to Me.”

We will have Children’s Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the service. At each session the children complete a craft and enjoy a snack. **The next class will be Sunday, January 19!!!** Children will be excused for their lesson after the children’s message. Please share our news with anyone you know who may be interested. We welcome every child to join us and learn!

A Little Reminder

If you use the “Designated Offering” envelopes that are in the pews & on the table in the Narthex for any contribution(s) **PLEASE!!** write your name on the envelope (space to do so is on the back) so they are recorded correctly on your giving statements. **THANK YOU!!**